



BOLTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Zoom Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: Erich Kunrath, Vice President: 7:00 PM

Welcome to attendees on Zoom: Attendees: 10

Draft Minutes: March 16, 2021 Minutes: reviewed and approved.

Draft Agenda: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Walt Swan: BNA checking account: \$4,244.75. Expenses deducted: \$500 to the McLean House for security system; \$14.99 was debited for month long Zoom license.

City Council Candidates Forum: *Reminder* April 27, 2021 on Zoom: Meeting

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I-205 Improvements Project: Ellen Sweeney, ODOT Community Affairs

Coordinator, reviewed the status of the I-205 projects. Go to www.i205corridor.org to read all the current status of the project that Ellen read through at this meeting. Questions to Ellen included: Tolling and fairness to impacted communities; Reason for tolling; How it affects flow of traffic; How it affects traffic diversion to surrounding community roads as drivers avoid the toll; What is the earthquake survival ability of bridges for a Cascadia event?

On-line Open House April 12 through April 30th - [https://odotopenhouse.org/i-205-](https://odotopenhouse.org/i-205-improvements-3)

[improvements-3](https://odotopenhouse.org/i-205-improvements-3) Ellen strongly encouraged the community to join: It covers: Project; Project Improvements; What to expect during construction; How to stay informed; Feedback. Ellen also strongly suggested to get on the email list for current information about the project. She stated that "nothing is a done deal until it is implemented."

Email Updates—Join Our Email List! <https://www.i205corridor.org/> The Oregon Department of Transportation offers subscribers more than 100 specialized email alerts, including contractor bid notices, information for freight haulers, news releases and news about local area.

Other sites for tolling and contact information:

- Oregon Toll Program: www.oregon.gov/odot/tolling/Pages/default.aspx
- I-205 Toll Project: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/tolling/Pages/I-205-Tolling.aspx
- Contact the team oregontolling@odot.state.or.us 503-837-3536

Mike Watters, Member of the Friends of McLean Park and House, invited Ellen for walk through of the McLean Park due to the location of I-205 Abernathy Bridge to the Park. He suggested consideration of an observation deck, by ODOT, for neighbors to observe the reconstruction of the new bridge. ODOT has been approved for temporary construction access at northwestern portion of the 5300 River Street Park (McLean House) or open space known as West Bridge Park.

BNA Postcard and Survey Monkey link: Walt Swan will be in contact Roger Straus for his expertise to help put this in motion.

McLean House: Weddings and gatherings are up being reserved with limited capacity. Currently the building of the Pavilion is on the “back burner” due to COVID. Mike reminded us of our missed opportunity, due COVID, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the McLean House and Park. Hopefully, a belated celebration is in the near future for this important West Linn historical, beautiful site.

Library Update: Erich reached out to Doug Erickson, Library Director, West Linn Library to attend a BNA meeting. Doug thoughtfully responded by e-mail and reviewed the current situation. Predicting when they will open fully is very difficult and they are back into “High Level” here in Clackamas County. They are allowing 5 individuals/small family groups in at a time, 11-4 M-F and 10-2 on Saturday. The “self –check” area is cleaned after each patron. The library is continuing curbside service. They hope to be able to open up browsing as the next phase of the reopening; however, cannot predict when that will be. He shared that the library keeps their website updated on reopening plans and also have social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Walking Tour App and Booklet: Erich Kunrath has been working on it and bringing in outside expertise with up to date ideas including QR codes with information for each site.

Burnside Park: Steve Miesen reported he has resumed the 3rd Saturday this month with 1 volunteer. “We cut the Ivy chest high and to the ground and (Steve) set a new personal best at 61 trees and Monte did 67. 128 trees starting on Buck St. trail, sweeping down to the Bolton Bridge along the Bolton Creek and more along the Greenway Trail. We also worked on bad Clematis, English Holly, and Blackberry. . . Along with saving Trilliums. . .ready for spring.”

Maddax Woods: Alma Coston reported that Maddax Woods is working with SOLVE, 30 volunteers came on Saturday pulling ivy. Every 3rd Saturday is a Volunteer Work Day. Regarding the broken septic system at the house: survey work is done, contractor has been hired, date to begin work has not been determined. Alma noted

that the septic tank is pumped out every 2 weeks. Friends of Maddax Woods were hoping for a celebration of Dorothy Maddax's birthday and Summer Solstice in June but it is on hold due to the septic problem.

Future BNA meeting location: Members present looked at possible outdoor locations for warmer weather meetings that could be available along with Zoom access. McLean House was suggested with a maximum of 25 attendees. There is the possibility to use their 50" monitor for Zoom connection.

Post Office Update: Bob McCarthy will talk with Matt Grady and follow up with Dan Mahr and Senator Jeff Merkley as to the status and encourage continued pressure on the USPS to follow through on their commitment for a post office in West Linn. There continues to be conflicting information from USPS. For example, the USPS Government Liaison Manager wrote that USPS is "... actively considering six sites proposals that fall under the split retail and delivery operation model." Greg Shelton and William Schwartz of the USPS say that split operation won't work. ?? The Post Office Retention Committee continues to work with the City Council and our congressional delegation. There is to be a status update from USPS shortly.

Goal setting meeting in April for \$50,000 Planning Grant: Bob McCarthy attended City Council Goal setting Meeting, April 2, 2021. He addressed the 2 issues recommended by members:

1. Fund comprehensive, integrated planning that links engineering and public works.

a. Currently planning associated with individual developments looks only at that site. This results in piece mail development rather than a comprehensive approach to traffic and improvements.

b. Your Planning department, Public Works/Engineering agrees that funding a consultant to do comprehensive planning for Bolton with pay dividends.

2. Keep constant pressure on USPS through direct contact and with congressional delegation.

a. USPS has not shown itself to be trustworthy and only responds to pressure, especially loss of funding.

b. Continue to use citizens, such as WLPORC as allies.

Thank you, everyone, for another great meeting. Adjourn: 8:35 pm

If you wish to receive our monthly reminder for upcoming BNA meetings and meeting minutes please send your authorization and email address to: Robert McCarthy, President of the BoltonNA@WestLinnOregon.gov.

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